



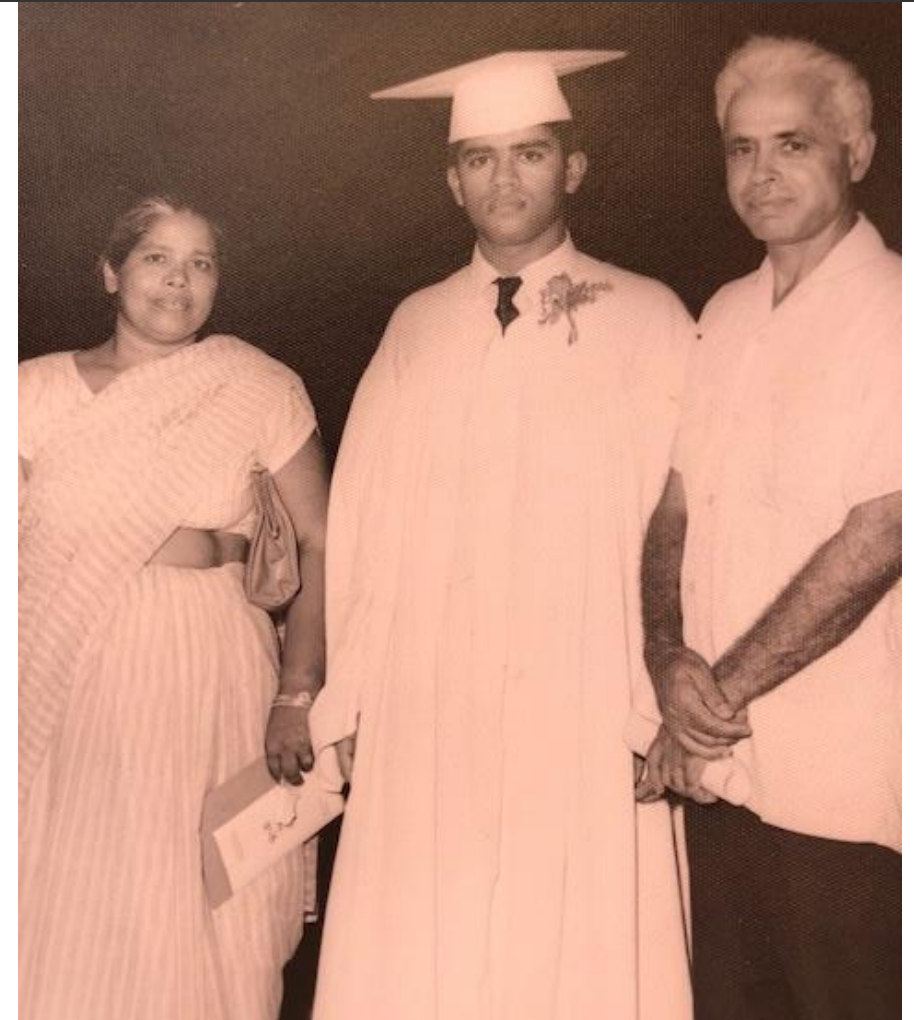
Inspiring exceptional futures

Self Development Academies



Education is my family and my family is education.

- Great grandparents were high school math teachers and district leaders in India and Pakistan
- Great grandfather paved way for his daughter to get her doctorate from Columbia's Teaching College
- Maternal grandparents were both college professors
- Maternal Grandmother was one of the first women in Pakistan to receive her doctorate
- Maternal Grandmother one of the first women to work in the field of education
- Maternal grandmother brought experiential learning to Pakistan (using play to learn)



What Does Our Name Mean?

The Theory Of “Self Development” Is Based On:

- Philosophy of Dr. Iqbal from the Indian Subcontinent who believed in self determinism.
- Carl Rogers' beliefs on Child Centered Education
- Bandura's Self Efficacy
- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
- Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development



Self Development Preschool:

- Founded in 1988 by Dr. Majeed
- Curriculum
 - Vertically and Horizontally Aligned
 - Challenging curriculum covering every aspect of a child's development: physical, cognitive, social-emotional
- SDP Families desired a similar Kindergarten and Elementary School experience

Self Development Academies – The Beginnings



Growth & Becoming a Staple in the Community

Self Development Charter School

- 2000: SDA began with 37 students and has grown to over 450.
- SDA-Mesa now has over 450 students in K-8
- SDA-Mesa campus has 4 buildings including:
 - Science and Technology Center
 - Multipurpose Room
 - Playground, basketball court, and track.



Local and State-wide Recognition

- Year after year ranked among the top schools in the state (based upon state standardized test scores)
- Ranked by Niche and GreatSchools as a top performing school-recently (2018) as
 - #1 Public Middle School Teachers in the Nation
 - #2 Best Public Elementary School in AZ
 - #3 Best Charter Elementary School in the Nation
- Received several awards including:
 - 2010 Charter School of the Year Award
 - 2013 Teacher of the Year Award



Philosophy, Mission, and Vision:

- Open enrollment
- Belief that every child learns naturally
- Extremely high expectations of students and staff
- Continuous monitoring of student learning and progress
- Small Group pull-out program
- Emphasize problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Foster development of well-rounded students.



Opening of Self Development Academy - Phoenix

- Success of Mesa Model reminded us of our role as shapers of destiny.
- Wanted to bring high quality education and leadership to vastly underserved communities.
- Opened Phoenix Campus in 2015.
- Doubled student enrollment since opening.



Phoenix Campus Serves Highly Disadvantaged Communities

- 95% Free and Reduced Lunch
- Large Refugee Community
- 28% identified as ELL though majority English is a second language
- 58% New to School (if you include Kinder)
- 53% New to School (if you do not include Kinder)
- 92% Non-white students from parents in the lowest household income brackets (\$10K-\$16K per year).



Assessment and Observation Data Show

- Academic performance exhibited substantial growth since opening just 2 ½ years ago.
- Received nearly perfect score in growth points in the AZ Letter Grade rankings.
- Higher Rates in returning students than new students
- Movement seems to be going straight towards high proficient mark than to other categories
- ELL students are moving straight to proficiency rather than moving to partially then, to proficient.



Growth Plans

- School in near Eastmark
- School in South Scottsdale
- ... Coming to a neighborhood near you?



“The Important Thing is
Not to Stop
Questioning. Curiosity
has its own reason for
existing.”

- Albert Einstein



Thank you for the
Opportunity to
Present!

